## Arizona 2-1-1 Phase I Update

Governor's Council on 2-1-1 Meeting –March 7, 2005

#### Phase I Progress & Key Issues

Lisa Dee Meyerson, GITA - 2-1-1 Statewide Program Coordinator

#### **Meeting Goals**

- Provide Phase I update.
- Receive Council feedback.

# **Key Milestones**

•	Testing (System & Functional)	Mar 2005
•	Data Enhancement	Mar & Apr 2005
•	Outreach	Mar 2005 - ongoing
•	State Agency Data Enhancement	Mar 2005
•	Selected Community Review & Feedback	Apr 2005
•	Finalize Data Maintenance Plans with I&Rs	Apr 2005
•	Finalize Operational Plan – ER & Main	Apr 2005
•	Public Go-Live	May 2005

#### Calls to 2-1-1 after Go-Live

- Marketing for Phase I is focused on Arizona 2-1-1 Online, however, we anticipate some members of the public may try to call 2-1-1.
- GITA (*Lisa Meyerson, John Hartsell*), AHCCCS (*Kaaren-Lyn Morton, Larry Heinz*) and the Governor's Office (*Keely Varvel Hartsell*) are working on this matter with QWest and other carriers to insure calls to 2-1-1 in Phase I will not lead to a dead end.
- Our hope is that calls can be routed to voicemail messages, specific by geographic area, referring the caller to I&Rs currently under State contract to answer calls.

#### Role of I&Rs (Phase I)

- Community Information & Referral (covering 10 northern counties) and Information & Referral Services (covering 5 southern counties) are under contract with DES to provide I&R phone referral service to the public.
- These organizations will continue to provide this valuable service to the community during 2-1-1 Phase I.
- The Contact Us section of the Arizona 2-1-1 Online System will direct members of the public who are having difficulty navigating the 2-1-1 online system to the I&Rs for telephone help and support.
- The I&Rs have bi-lingual operators to assist Spanish speaking members of the public as well.

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## **Update: Technical Development Team**

Perry Yastrov, AHCCCS - Team Lead, Technical Development Team Lead

- All test cases for full functional testing (to ensure all aspects of the system function as intended) have been developed.
- Terida/VisionLink Consortium is finalizing the beta version of the system.
- Functional Testing is beginning this week.
- AHCCCS, GITA, Governor's Office, OHS & DES are helping with functional testing.
- 2-1-1 Operational Procedures Manual for the State is being developed.
- This manual will cover how the State will deal after go-live with its I&R partners, the developer hired to host and provide technical support for the system, other state agencies involved in 2-1-1, inquiries from the public, etc. (*Leads: Bob Buse, DES & Kaaren-Lyn Morton, AHCCCS*).
- System Administration Training was given to Perry Yastrov (GITA) & Bob Buse (DES) to enable them to fully test the system and develop a detailed Operational Procedures Manual.

#### **Update: Provider Database Team**

Chris Muir, GITA - Team Lead, Provider Database Team

### **Data Loading**

- Terida/VisionLink loaded both Phoenix and Tucson I&R data into the beta version of the State's system.
- The I&Rs are working diligently cleaning up the data after the data load due date: March 21.

**Data Enhancement (State Agencies)** – Leads: Chris Muir, GITA; Perry Yastrov, AHCCCS; Key Support: Bob Buse, DES and Guy Wilson, DES

- Feb 24: Letter to All Agency Directors from Directors Rodgers & Cummiskey.
- Feb 24: Placed Data Entry Forms, Sample Forms, Instructions & Contact Info On-line.
- Mar 9 & 10: Informational Meeting with agency representatives.
- Mar 17: Plan for Follow-up Workshop for agencies more detailed information & one on one help regarding information forms.
- Mar 25: Data Forms are due from all Agencies.

#### Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria – Leads: Andy Miller, GITA; Angie Rodgers, GOCYF

- All 2-1-1 Systems have inclusion and/or exclusion criteria to insure the data in the system meets the goals of 2-1-1.
- We have drafted criteria based on other state and community 2-1-1 systems (Virginia, Connecticut, Idaho, Western NY, Lubbock (Texas), Big Bend (Florida), Washington D.C., Nebraska & Vermont) and prior practices of key AZ I&R organizations.
- In March, we will be presenting updated draft criteria to the I&Rs, State legal counsel, Directors Cummiskey and Rodgers and the Community Advisory Committee.
- At the April Council meeting, we hope to present draft criteria for discussion.

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#### **Qualitative Testing – Mid Mar –** *Lead: Andy Miller*

- Qualitative Testing is being planned to ensure public can find information using 7 different searches available in Arizona 2-1-1 Online.
- Testers will conduct pre-defined test searches as well as develop their own searches and report on the system's usefulness.
- AHCCCS, DES, GITA, GOCYF, OHS, I&R partners, Salvation Army and United Way have committed staff for qualitative testing.

#### Acknowledgements

- Salvation Army & United Way for volunteering to help with testing.
- Bob Buse and Guy Wilson of DES for helping AHCCCS, DHS and Salvation Army with their data and for helping with State agency meetings.

#### **Update: Communication & Outreach Team**

DJ Harper, GITA - Team Lead, Communication & Outreach Team

#### **Highlights since Last Meeting**

- Volunteer stakeholder meeting.
- Feb 8 Met with League of Cities and Towns.
- Week of Feb 7 Met with Phoenix, Tucson and Rural Community Advisory Committee (CAC) members to plan outreach activities.
- Feb 15 Arizona Association of Community Health Centers Meeting.
- Week of Feb 28 Presentations to small community groups in various parts of the State, including Payson, Navajo Nation, Tuba City, Flagstaff.
- We have meetings planned in Tucson, Phoenix, Yuma and Flagstaff.
- We are planning meetings in Green Valley, Nogales, Sierra Vista, Bisbee, Bullhead City, Kingman, Parker, Colorado River Indian Tribal areas and other AZ communities.

#### Community Testing – April – Lead: Keely Varvel Hartsell, GOCYF

- Review of system by selected community representatives including caseworkers, health service professionals, public safety personnel, librarians in rural locales, members of the public, etc.
- Request these individuals use real-life situations and provide feedback as to the system's effectiveness.
- Planning is underway for this testing. We are garnering interest from our outreach meetings and developing feedback surveys.

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#### **Update: Emergency Response Team**

Lauran Wikle, OHS - Team Lead, Emergency Response Team

#### 2-1-1 Emergency Bulletins System (EBS) Administration

- Department of Emergency & Military Affairs Division of Emergency Management (*ADEM*) has agreed to administer the 2-1-1 Emergency System during normal and emergency operations.
- ADEM is aligning staff and developing training plans to support 2-1-1 EBS.
- The Emergency Response (ER) team will assist and support ADEM in the transition to 2-1-1 EBS Administration and Operations.

#### **EBS Standard Operating Procedure**

- The ER team is in the process of finalizing 2-1-1 Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Emergency Bulletin System.
- The final draft of the SOP will be submitted in late March to the Community Advisory Committee for comment.
- The Council will be asked to review and sign-off on this procedure in April.

#### Plans for Mar/Apr - ER Team

- Beta test emergency response functionality.
- Attend training on posting and updating public alerts on Arizona 2-1-1 Online.
- Enhance and add new database profiles for emergency response organizations.
- Post bulletins before system "Go-Live" regarding emergency preparedness, existing threats and emergencies impacting the State.
- Assist with outreach efforts to the emergency response community, including demonstrating 2-1-1 EBS Capabilities to State & Local Governments.

#### **Next Emergency Response Team Meeting**

March 24, 2005 9:30 AM - Executive Capitol Tower; 6th Floor Conf. Room A